

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1206  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Ronald H. Griffeth on the occasion of his retirement as President of Battle Ground Academy.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding administrators and educators who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald H. Griffeth is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 14 years as Headmaster and President of Battle Ground Academy (BGA) in Franklin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Griffeth, who possesses an Ed. D from the University of Georgia, arrived as headmaster in 1990, when BGA was a grade 7-12 school on one campus with an enrollment of about 350 students; and

WHEREAS, launching a campaign of growth and development, Dr. Griffeth oversaw dramatic growth in enrollment, guiding the school's transformation into a coeducational K-12 school of more than 900 students in three schools on two campuses; and

WHEREAS, signal events in the transformation included the relocation of the BGA Upper School to the Glen Echo Campus on Ernest Rice Lane and the acquisition of the former Harpeth Academy to house the BGA Lower School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Griffeth presided over a number of curriculum changes, the launching of a band program, the establishment of an arts council, the revival of the swimming program, and a new emphasis on community outreach; and

WHEREAS, although retiring as President of BGA, Dr. Griffeth remains an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous worthy organizations; he plans to spend more time with his family and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Griffeth exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Griffeth has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, the administration, staff, faculty and student body of BGA, and the citizens of Franklin and Williamson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Ronald H. Griffeth our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.